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- The Steel Polling Mills in Riesa, Saxony, formerly Mitteldeutsche Stablwerke, now a socialized concern, were visited on 3 February 1949 by K.I. Koval, Economic Adviser in the SMA. He was accompanied by several Russian officers, among whom were the director-general of AMO, I rivoshein, and the director-general of Krupp-Gruson, Beresnyuk. Mr. Kovel was especially interested in the present stage of the construction work of the rolling mills for bar and sheet iron, the plant for butt welding, and the tank construction.
- Koval informed the responsible staff members of the Riesa plant that he had acquired five rolling mills for the Soviet zone, namely
 - a. one pipe-rolling mill, destined for the Riesa concern, b. one rolling mill for hard steel tires for locomotives and railway coaches, destined for the Groditz plant,
 - c. one roller for blocks of 250 mm. (diameter) for the steel mill at Hennigsdorf
 - d. one sheet-iron rolling mili
 - e. one roller for blocks of 300 mm. (diameter).

He added that no final decision had been made yet as to the destination of the items mentioned under d and e.

- Koval requested that all building work connected with the sheet-iron rolling mill be immediately suspended, since this shop might be used for housing the pine-rolling mills.
- 4. Mr. Krivoshein of AMO mentioned the necessity for procuring the plans for the straightening machines (for sheet-iron, shaped iron, and pipes) for the Krupp-Gruson plant from the west, and suggested that the Riesa plant take the necessary steps. Koval agreed, and requested that the Riesa plant instruct its liaison officers in the west accordingly. All expenses involved would be borne by Krupp-Gruson.

